

What is claimed is:

1. A rodent terminating device, comprising:

a base having a first end and a second end;

a snap bar pivotably coupled to the base, the snap bar being configured to rotate
5 between a first default position adjacent to the first end of the base and a second loaded
position adjacent to the second end of the base, the snap bar being spring biased
toward the first position, the snap bar having at least one axial section and one
transverse section; and

a trigger configured to engage the snap bar in the second loaded position, the
10 trigger including a horizontal trigger portion and a vertical trigger portion, the vertical
trigger portion comprising a catch adapted to releasably engage the transverse section
of the snap bar.

2. The device of Claim 1, wherein the vertical trigger portion has an angle
between 70 to 110 degrees with respect to the horizontal trigger portion.

15 3. The device of Claim 2, wherein the horizontal trigger portion is
substantially perpendicular to the vertical trigger portion.

4. The device of Claim 1, wherein the trigger is configured to pivot near a
point wherein the vertical trigger portion and horizontal trigger portion meet.

5. The device of Claim 4, wherein the trigger is configured to pivot between an engaged position, where the catch is engaged with the snap bar in the second loaded position, and a disengaged position where the catch is disengaged from the snap bar.

5 6. The device of Claim 5, wherein the horizontal trigger portion is suspended above the base when the trigger is in the engaged position.

7. The device of Claim 4, further comprising an anchor pivotably coupling the trigger to the base.

10 8. The device of Claim 1, wherein the horizontal trigger portion comprises a platform.

9. The device of Claim 8, further comprising an adhesive material disposed on the platform.

10. The device of Claim 9, further comprising a rodent attractant disposed on top of the platform.

15 11. The device of Claim 9, further comprising a removable cover disposed over the adhesive material on the platform.

12. The device of Claim 7, wherein the horizontal trigger portion comprises a stem extending between the platform and the vertical trigger portion, the stem including a bend such that the platform is disposed further upwardly away from the base.

13. The device of Claim 1, wherein:

the vertical trigger portion comprises a first side facing the first end of the base and a second side facing the second end of the base; and

the catch is disposed on the second side of the vertical trigger portion.

5 14. A rodent terminating device, comprising: 

a base having a first base end and a second base end;

a snap bar rotatable between a first rest position adjacent to the first base end and a second loaded position adjacent to the second base end, the snap bar being rotatably coupled to the base and spring biased toward the first rest position;

10 a trigger pivotably coupled to the base, the trigger comprising a substantially horizontal platform and a catch configured to releasably engage the snap bar in the second loaded position,

wherein the horizontal platform is suspended above the base when the catch is engaged with the snap bar in the second loaded position.

15 15. The device of Claim 14, wherein:

the horizontal platform is included in a horizontal trigger portion;

the catch is included in a vertical trigger portion; and

the vertical trigger portion is substantially perpendicular to the horizontal trigger.

16. The device of Claim 15, wherein the trigger comprises a bend between the
20 vertical trigger portion and the horizontal trigger portion, the device further comprising an anchor pivotably coupling the trigger to the base at the bend.

17. The device of Claim 14, further comprising an adhesive material disposed on top of the horizontal platform.

18. The device of Claim 17, further comprising a rodent attractant disposed on top of the horizontal platform.

5 19. The device of Claim 17, further comprising a removable cover disposed over the horizontal platform.

20. A rodent terminating device, comprising:

a base having a first end and a second end;



10 a snap bar rotatably coupled to the base, the snap bar being rotatable between a spring biased, rest position and a loaded position, the snap bar defining a snap zone when disposed in the rest position; and

a one-piece trigger having a horizontal platform disposed in the snap zone and a catch disposed outside of the snap zone.

15 21. The device of Claim 20, wherein the catch is included in a vertical portion of the trigger and the horizontal platform is included in a horizontal portion of the trigger.

22. The device of Claim 20, wherein the trigger is pivotable between an engaged position where the catch engages the snap bar in the loaded position, and a disengaged position where the catch is disengaged from the snap bar.

23. A rodent terminating device, comprising:

a base having a top surface;

a snap bar rotatably coupled to the base along a dividing line which divides the top surface of the base into a first operative half and a second non-operative half, the

5 snap bar being spring biased to rotate toward the first operative half;

a one-piece trigger pivotably coupled to the base at a single point of contact.

24. The device of Claim 23, wherein the single point of contact is located in the non-operative half of the base.

25. The device of Claim 23, further comprising an anchor that pivotably
10 couples the trigger to the base.